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Examiner: Lee, Benjamin C.
Grp. Art Unit: 2632
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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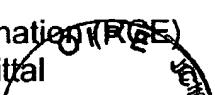
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TYPE OR OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY

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X\$ 9=		OR	X\$18=
X39=		OR	X78=
+130=		OR	+260=
TOTAL	<i>135</i>	OR	TOTAL

OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY
OR

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
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